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THE JOHN P. BRANCH PAPERS.—The next number of the Branch Historical Papers (120 pages) of Randolph-Macon College will be devoted almost exclusively to the life and writings of Judge Spencer Roane. These papers are by Prof. Wm. S. Dodd, and may be had by addressing him at Ashland, Va.

THE MAGAZINE OF HISTORY. WITH NOTES AND QUERIES. Vol. I, No. 1, January, 1905. William Abbatt, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York. Published monthly; \$5.00 a year, 50 cents a number.

This revival of the old Magazine of American History will receive the welcome and best wishes of all of the former readers of that well-known journal, and of very many of the younger generation.

Mr. Abbatt has made a good beginning, and no doubt the Magazine will constantly grow in interest and value.

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS IN THE PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY AT SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, ENGLAND. REGISTER SOAME, 1620. Edited by J. Henry Lea. Published by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Mass., pp. 607.

"YEAR BOOKS OF PROBATES," 1630-39. ABSTRACTS OF PROBATE ACTS IN THE PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY. Edited by John Matthews and George F. Matthews, B. A. Issued to subscribers from 93 and 94 Chancery Lane, London, W. C. 1902-4, 2 vols., pp. 348, 431.

The value of wills in historical, biographical and genealogical research is well known. Each of the works noted above is an important contribution to our information in regard to what the great probate registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury contains. In this court, as is generally known, wills of persons dying abroad were proved and recorded.

Mr. Lea's work for the New England Historic Genealogical Society gives admirably executed abstracts of every will proved in the court in 1620. It is to be hoped that the Society will receive every encouragement in their proposed publication of similar volumes containing the wills of succeeding years.

The publication of the Messrs. Matthews is equally worthy of praise. It is more than an index, for the wills and probates have been so carefully examined that the editors are enabled to give each instance in which there is mention of interests in the English Colonies. This series is now to be carried on from 1640 forward.

The great value of each of these works is too obvious to need further comment. Each has a perfect index.